

## More New Goods

Arrived Saturday.

Late Saturday evening we received, through the Custom House, very large shipments, direct from Paris, of Imported Neckwear and French Novelties.

Blouse Fronts,  
Collarettes,  
Jabots,  
Stocks,  
Collars,  
Wrist Bags,  
Opera Bags,  
New Buckles,  
Metal Belts,  
Sterling Purses.

These have been purchased by our Mr. Johnston, in Paris, since Thanksgiving, and are therefore absolutely new—and no other house in the entire United States has them.

We have marked them closer than usual, as they are peculiarly adapted for the holidays.

## Irish Laces.

Also a new shipment of Irish Laces, including All-overs, just received; something every merchant wants, but very few have been able to secure.

**Scruggs, Vanderweert & Barney**  
DRY GOODS COMPANY.

## TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

## WASHINGTON.

Senator Hanna declares he would rather have the glory of effecting an agreement between labor and capital, whereby strikes and lockouts in the future would be impossible—the object of a conference in New York he will attend to-day—that he be elected President of the United States.

A representative of the New York Reform Club denounces the new Frye ship-subsidy bill as being worse than the old Frye-Hanna bill, of which he declares the new measure to be an impudent resurrection.

Advice received at Washington show that the Pan-American Congress has passed a resolution, being irrevocably adopted, showing the question of compulsory arbitration. Argentina will withdraw to-day and Bolivia, Paraguay, Venezuela, Peru and other States are sure to follow her course.

A table prepared by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, showing the imports from tropical and semitropical countries into the United States during the fiscal year 1901, shows the growing dependence of the nation upon the tropics for articles of daily use.

It is not likely that the Philippine tariff bill will become a law until after the congressional recess. The measure will not reach the Senate until Thursday, the time decided upon for adjournment.

Congressmen Payne and Sherman are charged with being members of a mining company which is seeking Government sanction to lease the lands of the United States in Utah.

## LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Exposition bondholders are said to be preparing to foreclose their mortgage.

President Francis and Treasurer Thompson of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition have returned from their trip to the East. President citizens favor the adoption of a civic flag or emblem.

St. Louis and Eastern manufacturers may combine in one display at the World's Fair. Joseph J. Novak was found frozen to death in Baden.

Further Coffey scored the men who use money for bargaining in votes.

Forecasters say sunbime may bring slightly warmer weather for St. Louis. The Consumers' League of New York will stage war on St. Louis sweatshops through the medium of shoppers.

The Health Department was severely criticized.

The North St. Louis Business Men's Association has declared a preference for long-time music.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

A Catholic school has been launched which has for its object the preservation of the faith among the Indians.

As a result of a wreck on the Illinois Central Railroad, between Irena and Perryville, Ill., eight persons are dead or missing and eleven others are injured, two critically. Failure of a conductor to obey orders is supposed to have caused the head-on collision.

Friends of Senator Hanna accuse the Federal faction in Ohio with trying to organize the State Legislature with a view of two years hence, defeating Hanna for re-election as Senator.

The Schley-Sampson controversy may be crushed over in court. The Rear Admiral says that further prosecution of the case is at the discretion of Mr. Rayner. Mr. Rayner believes that the court is the proper place for the next proceedings. A friend of the Rear Admiral offered \$50,000 to defray the expenses in the next proceeding, but the offer was declined. It is believed that Secretary Long will confine his action to mere approval of the report.

Three lives were lost by a freight train falling through a bridge near Williamsport, Pa.

Archbishop Chappelle has returned from the Philippines and will make his report on the "frier question" to President Roosevelt to-day.

The Delaware and Lehigh rivers in Pennsylvania have overflowed their banks, damaging property to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars.

A Texas Judge has decided that the game law of that State is invalid, inasmuch as the provision prohibiting the taking of game out of the State conflicts with the Federal Constitution bearing on commerce.

Chairman Payne there is no particular hurry in dealing with the war revenue tax reduction question.

Proven hydrants retarded the work of Chicago firemen, and two damaging blazes occurred yesterday.

It is probable, says Representative Joy, that President Roosevelt will to-day announce his choice for Surveyor of Customs at St. Louis.

## FOREIGN.

America is to have reconcentrated in the Philippines. General Bell has notified the natives of Batangas Province that they must gather within prescribed limits near the towns by December 23. All outside the limits after that date will be treated as enemies.

Although the situation between the Argentine Republic and Chile has improved, it is still unsettled and Argentine continues to take military precautions.

## SPORTING.

Winter baseball practice is now under way at the State University.

St. Simon was the leading sire on the English turf last season and the blood of St. Simon's sire, was predominant among the winning horses.

## FLOODS IN THE EAST

## CAUSE IMMENSE DAMAGE.

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places by the overflow. To-day the Juniata River has risen fourteen feet and the Raystown branch much higher. The farmers along these streams have sustained an incalculable loss to fences, growing grain and other property. Many farmers were forced last night to abandon their homes temporarily.

**RIVERS RISE ONE FOOT AN HOUR.**  
Easton, Pa., Dec. 15.—The freshet in the Delaware and Lehigh rivers has done serious damage all through this section. Railroad traffic is suspended and the water has risen to front street in this city. Telegraph and telephone communication is interrupted. The rivers are still rising at the rate of a foot an hour, and from advice received from points up the Delaware Valley the Delaware River will likely continue to rise until midnight. Thousands of dollars' damage has been done to the big industries at West Easton.

On the Erie Railroad a mile of track near Owego on the Susquehanna division and several hundred feet at Ros's switch on the Delaware division are submerged. Two hundred men left here to repair the damage and a dining car was sent from Susquehanna with food for the passengers on a train which is blocked at Owego.

The Susquehanna and Delaware rivers are full to the banks and the creeks are the highest in years. Much damage has been done to property along the lowlands.

**HIGHEST SINCE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD.**  
Bedford, Pa., Dec. 15.—One of the heaviest winds and rainstorms in its history visited Bedford last night. The rain fell in torrents and a severe gale shook the buildings. The Raystown Branch reached its highest point since the Johnstown flood.

**RAILROAD TRAFFIC WASHED OUT.**  
Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 15.—In six hours this morning the Lehigh River overflowed the canal and the adjoining railroad tracks on both sides. Both the Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central railroads were forced to suspend traffic. Not since 1861 has the back water from the river wrought such serious damage to the canal which cost \$30,000, while the Lehigh Valley lost \$100,000. Both the electric and gas companies are compelled to suspend services to-night.

**CHIEF OF RAILROADS WASHED OUT.**  
Shumokin, Pa., Dec. 15.—Numerous colliery sidings near here were washed out, and almost every mine in this region is flooded and will not be operated to-morrow.

**TRAINS STOPPED IN WESTERN.**  
Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 15.—A freight train on the Philadelphia and Erie division of the Pennsylvania Railroad went through the bridge spanning Lycoming Creek, between this city and Newberry, at 6 o'clock this morning. The bridge was lost.

The dead: John Quarts, engineer. Frederick G. Freeman. George Harley, brakeman. All resided at Sunbury.

The bridge spanning the creek was a two-span iron structure, the first span of which gave way beneath the train. The engine and nine cars were engulfed in the icy waters. The creek was greatly swollen as a result of the heavy rains, and it is presumed the middle pier had been weakened. No efforts could be made to reach the bodies on account of the height of the waters.

**COAL BARGES SWIFT AWAY.**  
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—Pittsburg's three rivers at 9 o'clock to-night have reached a dangerous line, and are still rising, with reports from the headwaters of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers stating that both streams were still rising.

One of the incidents of the flood occurred at 9 o'clock to-night when seventy-five coal barges of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, which were tied up at Brown's Landing, between Pittsburg and Davis Island dam, broke loose and were whirled away by the current. According to the reports from the Southern Dam, the pieces passed there shortly after 9 o'clock. There is considerable alarm in river circles over the accident.

**MANY INBOUND TRAINS LATE.**  
Snow Delays All Traffic From the North and Northwest.

The continued severe cold and heavy winds again delayed inbound trains yesterday. The morning trains from all directions were more or less late without exception, but by evening the schedules were nearer normal and several lines were able to back all night trains into Union Station on time.

Because of the heavy snow in Northern Illinois and Indiana, trains encountered the most obstacles. Most of them were about four hours late, but the Illinois Central, due at 7:30 p. m. from Chicago, reached St. Louis at 4:40 p. m. from Mountain No. 4, due at 7:30 p. m., reached this city at midnight, and the Vanderbilt, due at 8:30 p. m., arrived at 12:15 a. m. Missouri Pacific and Burlington evening trains were all about two hours late, and the Southern, due at 7:30 p. m., arrived at 11:30 p. m. Wash and Baltimore and Ohio night trains were on time.

**One Dollar is All You Need**  
To start an account with the Mercantile Trust Co., and we loan you one of our solid steel Home Savings Banks.

**STEAMER CLERK IS DROWNED.**  
Mark Amerberg of the Spread Eagle Loses His Life.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 15.—Third Clerk Mark Amerberg of the steamer Spread Eagle, one of the Leyte fleet of St. Louis, with winter quarters here, was drowned by breaking through the ice. The remains were sent to his home, at Grifton, Ill.

**THROUGH SLEEPERS ST. LOUIS TO JACKSONVILLE.**  
Leaving St. Louis at 8:25 p. m. daily. Secure reservations and excursion tickets at Union Station.

## Waist Patterns.

More than 100 exclusive designs in Embroidered French Flannel, put up in handsome boxes,  
\$1.50 to \$6.50.

**Scruggs, Vanderweert & Barney**  
DRY GOODS CO.

## Waist Patterns.

More than 500 styles in Fancy Taffetas Silk, appropriately boxed for gifts,  
\$1.75 to \$10.00.

We have added to stock during the past week several special purchases of Fabrics, Garments and other articles suitable for gifts—the whole forming a collection of merchandise which connoisseurs and experts will recognize as being the most complete ever shown in St. Louis, and all at moderate prices.

## Umbrellas.

For Men and Women.

This season, as heretofore, we are prepared with complete assortments of our own special makes of best grade goods to supply your holiday needs in this line.

These Umbrellas are made from the best materials by one of the largest manufacturers in the United States, and are exceptional values.

**Neptune or Minerva.** Union Taffetas Silk Umbrellas, steel rod, close roll, paragon frame, horn, pearl and natural wood handles. \$2.00

**Liberty or Empress.** All-Silk Serge or Taffetas Silk Umbrellas, steel rod, close roll, paragon frame, in black and all desirable colors; natural wood, pearl, ivory and horn handles. \$3.00

**Federal or Mermaid.** All-Silk Serge Umbrellas, steel rod, close roll, paragon frame; black, blue, green, wine; case and tassels to match; pearl, ivory and natural wood handles. \$4.00

**Jupiter or Acme.** Very fine All-Silk Serge of Taffetas Umbrella, steel rod; close roll; paragon frame, black and colors; natural wood and fancy handles. \$5.00

Also a full line of the finer grades of Umbrellas, in extensive variety of handles, from \$6 to \$30.00.

**NOTE.** *Labels or Markings engraved free of charge on all Umbrellas purchased of us during the month of December.*

## Art Needlework.

Third Floor.

**Boxes—Handkerchief, Glove and Stamp Boxes and Picture Frames.** Together with hundreds of small articles that are useful and ornamental.

**Burnt Leather Novelties—Pillows, Desk Pads, Centerpieces, Needle Books, Stamp and Court Plaster Cases, etc.**

**Sofa Pillows—In large and varied assortment of new designs, hand-painted and embroidered on Satin, Linen and Art Cottons.**

**Pillow Tops—In all popular materials, outlined and ready for embroidery; more than 500 styles to select from.**

**Lace Novelties—Russian, Torchon, Venetian, Renaissance, Arabian and Cluny Lace Centerpieces, Scarfs and D'Oylies.**

**Materials for all kinds of fancy work, such as yarns, silks, jewels, braids, cord, etc.**

**Linen Novelties—Magazine Covers, Needle Books, Stamp Boxes, etc.**

**Baskets—Lined and Unlined Handkerchief, Glove, Work, Scrap and Fancy Small Baskets, in almost endless variety.**

## Fascinators.

**Zephyr Hand-Crocheted Wool, in black and white.** 25c

**Wool, extra large size, black and white.** 50c

**Wool, extra heavy, gray and white mixtures.** 85c

**Ice Wool, hand crocheted, colors white and black.** 50c

**Ice Wool, extra-large size, fancy border.** \$1.75

**Ice Wool, in a variety of new designs.** \$1, \$1.25, \$2, \$2.75

## Fancy Goods.

Olive Street Store.

**Fans—Real Lace hand-painted and Spangled Silk Gauze, in a variety of artistic effects, mounted on ivory, pearl and shell sticks.** \$3.00 to \$75.00

**Opera Glasses—Manufactured by Lemaire, Clomont and others, in black Morocco, white, natural and Oriental pearl, with aluminum and gold mountings.** \$3.00 to \$35.00

**Shell Goods—Real Shell Combs, mounted with sterling silver and solid gold and ornamented with coral, pearl and turquoise.** \$3.75 to \$18.00

**Leather Goods—Bill Books, Writing Tablets, Card Cases, Pocketbooks, Writing Pads, Letter Cases, Picture Frames.**

**Traveling Bags—All leather, with or without complete toilet outfits.**

**Traveling Companions—Fitted with manicure and shaving outfits.**

**Toilet Articles—Mirrors, Tooth Powder Boxes, Cologne Bottles, Brushes and Combs, Talcum Powder Boxes, Puff Boxes, Cut Glass and Sterling Silver Flasks, and hundreds of other articles that are both useful and ornamental.**

## Men's Goods.

Olive Street Store.

**Neckwear—1,000 dozen Men's Silk and Satin Four-in-Hands, Tecks, Imperials, English Squares and De Joinville Scarfs, in large and small figures, narrow and wide stripes and a full line of solid colors, including light shades for evening wear.** 50c each

This is an exceptional opportunity. These goods are worth 75c each.

**Smoking Jackets—Golf cloth, in gray and white, blue and red, black and red, blue and drab, brown and white and solid colors combined with Tartan Plaids.** \$4.50 to \$11.50

**Black and Brown Velvet Jackets.** Elaborately trimmed with satin and edged with silk cord. \$13.50 to \$18.00

**Silk Matelasse Jackets—In a variety of exclusive patterns.** \$12.50 to \$27.00

**Dressing Robes—In a variety of materials that are distinguishable alike for their wearing qualities, artistic patterns and rich colorings.** \$7.50 to \$26.50

**Special—A lot of Dressing Robes made of heavy materials, in assorted art colors, regularly worth \$7.50.** \$5.50

**Bath Robes—Turkish Toweling Robes \$2.25 to \$9.00 Blanket Robes. \$5.00 to \$11.00**

**Slippers—Made of Turkish Toweling, in assorted colors—all sizes.** \$1.25 per pair

Made of Felt, assorted colors, all sizes. \$1.50 per pair

Also Dress Shirts, Silk Underwear, Silk Suspenders, Walking Canes, Umbrellas, and everything that is new and up-to-date in Dress and Toilet Requisites for men can be found in this department.

## Women's Garments.

Second Floor.

In this department we have on display a splendid assortment of articles that are always in high favor for gift purposes. For instance—

**Women's Fur Neck Pieces—Black Marten Cluster Scarf, trimmed with tails.** \$6.50 to \$15.00

**Isabella Fox Boas.** \$18.50 to \$35.00

**Mink Scarfs and Boas, trimmed with heads and tails.** \$10.00 to \$35.00

**Chinchilla Cluster Scarfs.** \$25.00 to \$35.00

**Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs.** \$40.00 to \$95.00

**Sable and Isabella Fox Sets.** \$32.50 to \$65.00

**Blue and Black Lynx Sets.** \$32.50 to \$75.00

**Women's Fur-Lined Capes—In varied styles and materials.** \$37.50 to \$65.00

**Children's Sets—In choice variety of the prevailing furs.** \$1.75 to \$20.00

## Women's House Gowns

Our assortment was never more attractive than now. It includes everything that is new and novel.

**All-Wool Eiderdown Sacques.** \$1.00 to \$5.00

**Fancy Silk and Crepe Dressing Sacques.** \$10.00 to \$37.50

**All-Wool Eiderdown Robes.** \$5.00 to \$12.00

**Fancy Silk, Crepe, Cashmere and Flannel Lounging Robes.** \$12.50 to \$50.00

**Silk Petticoats.**

We invite special attention to our assortment of Plain and Fancy Taffetas Silk Petticoats.

It is the most elaborate and elegant line ever assembled by us.

There are tucked effects, accordion pleatings and other handsome styles, trimmed with Point de Paris, Duchesse and Valenciennes Laces, Ribbons and Silk Ruchings.

Also Black and Cream Lace Appliques, in artistic designs on the richest of Taffetas Silk—\$12.50 to \$35.00.

**Specials for This Week:** Taffetas Silk Petticoats with accordion-pleated flounce, in black and colored, all sizes. \$5.00

Taffetas Silk Petticoats with double accordion-pleated graduated ruffles, edged with Ruche. \$10.00

**Ribbons.**

We are showing an exceptionally fine assortment of Ribbons suitable for Fancy Work, Decorations, Sashes, Trimming and Millinery Purposes, at less than regular prices.

4 1/2 and 5 inch Plain All-Silk Double-faced Satin and Taffetas Ribbons, in a full line of solid colors and fancy stripes, 25c per yard.

These Ribbons were manufactured to sell for 50c and 60c.

1-inch All-Silk Fancy Brocade Ribbons, in assorted light colors, including pink, blue, maize, lavender, desirable for hair ribbons, fancy work and tying holiday packages. 25c per bolt of 10 yards.

We have sold these Ribbons for 5c yard.

**BROADWAY, OLIVE AND LOCUST STREETS.**

## Handkerchiefs.

Hundreds of all kinds of Men's, Women's and Children's pure linen Handkerchiefs at the lowest prices at which they are obtainable.

**Handkerchiefs for Men—Plain linen hemstitched, 1/4, 1/2 and 1 inch hem, each.** 15c to \$2.50

**Plain linen hemstitched, with colored border, each.** 10c to 50c

**Plain linen, initial, laundered or unlaundered, each.** 15c to 50c

**Plain white silk, 1/4, 1/2 and 1 inch hem, each.** 25c to \$2.50

**Plain white silk, with colored borders, each.** 25c to \$1.00

**Plain white silk, initial, ea.** 50c to \$1.00

**Handkerchiefs for Women—Plain linen, 1/4, 1/2 and 1 inch hem. 10c to \$2.50**

**Plain linen, embroidered and hemstitched, 1/4, 1/2 and 1 inch hem. 10c to \$4.00**

**Plain linen, scalloped and embroidered, 15c to \$4.00**

**Plain linen, both with lace edges and trimmed with laces. 15c to \$5.00**

**Plain linen, initial, laundered or unlaundered, 1/4 styles. 10c to \$3.00**

**Handkerchiefs for Children—Plain linen, hemstitched, 1/4 and 1/2 inch hem. 5c to 15c**

**Plain linen, 1/4 and 1/2 inch hems. 10c to 25c**

**Plain linen, white and colored, hemstitched or embroidered. 15c to 80c**

**Handkerchiefs by the Box—Hemstitched, plain, white or with colored borders, put up in handsome boxes; 6 handkerchiefs, including box. 40c to \$1.00**

**Women's Neckwear.**

**Exclusive Paris Novelties.**

**Stocks—Of Plain and Fancy Silks. 50c to \$8.50**

**Blouse Fronts—Lace, Liberty Silk or Chiffon, with and without medallions, white, cream and the prevailing colors. 50c to \$10.00**

**Ruffs—Of Chiffon, Brussels Net and other materials, in plain black and assorted colors. 50c to \$25.00**

**Jabots—Of Lace or Chiffon, with or without collars. 50c to \$8.50**

**Ties—Black or White Lace or Chiffon Ties, all widths. 50c to \$7.50**

**Windsor Ties—Varied materials, checks, stripes, plaids and solid colors. 25c, 50c and 75c**

**Fichus—Made of lace, in white, cream and colors. \$1.50 to \$15.00**

**Collars—Irish Point, Irish Crochet and Point Venice Lace Collars. \$15.00 to \$25.00**

**Scarfs and Squares—Made of Liberty Silk, plain colors and printed effects.**

**Lace Department.**

**Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs. \$1.75 to \$35.00 each**

**Point Lace Handkerchiefs. \$6.00 to \$40.00 each**

**Duchesse Lace Collarettes. \$7.50 to \$35.00 each**

**Duchesse Lace Berthas. \$13.50 to \$40.00 each**

**Duchesse and Point Lace Collars. \$2.00 to \$10.00 each**

**Black and White Hand-Run Spanish Lace Fichus. \$4.**